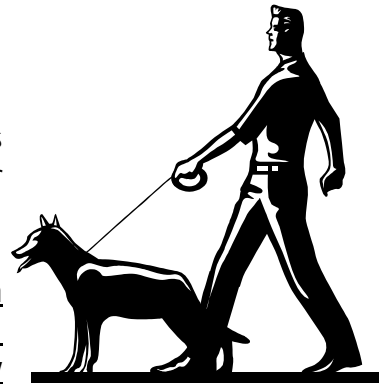


San Bernardino County Leash Law

San Bernardino County law (*Code: 32.0108 Control of Animals*) requires all animals to be restrained whenever they are on public property or unenclosed private property.



- (a) No person owning or having control of any animal shall permit such animal to stray, to run at large upon any private or public street, sidewalk, public park, playground, place of public assembly, or any other public place or upon any unenclosed private lot or other unenclosed private place or upon any private property without the consent of the owner or person in control thereof. Parkways, comprising the area between the street and sidewalk shall be included as private property for purposes of this section.
- (b) Any person who finds any animal which has strayed or is running at large upon his/her own property or any other place contrary to the provisions of this chapter, may take possession of and hold same provided, within four (4) hours after securing possession thereof, he/she shall notify the Health Officer or Animal Control Officer or the Sheriff of the fact that he/she has such animal in his/her possession and give the Health Officer, Animal Control Officer, or Sheriff full information in regard to the animal, including a complete description of the animal and license number, if any, and shall surrender the animal to the Health Officer, Animal Control Officer, or Sheriff upon demand.
- (c) No person may lawfully bring his/her dog out of his/her property unless:
 - (1) The dog is restrained by a leash and is in the charge of a person competent to restrain the dog; or
 - (2) The dog is properly restrained and enclosed in a vehicle, cage or similar enclosure.
- (d) Any dog found running at large, running loose or unrestrained may be impounded by the Health Officer, Animal Control Officer, or Sheriff for a period of not less than ninety-six (96) hours. Any unclaimed dogs shall then be destroyed or disposed of in accordance with section 32.0103 of this Code.
- (e) There shall be a reclaiming fee for all impounded dogs, as set forth in the San Bernardino County Code Schedule of Fees.
- (f) A person having custody of any dog shall not permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such dog to defecate or urinate upon a public street or sidewalk; the floor of any common hall in any apartment house, hotel, or other multiple dwelling; upon any entrance way, stairway, or wall immediately abutting on a public sidewalk; or upon the floor of any theater, shop, store, office building, or other building used by the public.

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